



# Kedarnath Temple Gates to Open on 2nd May

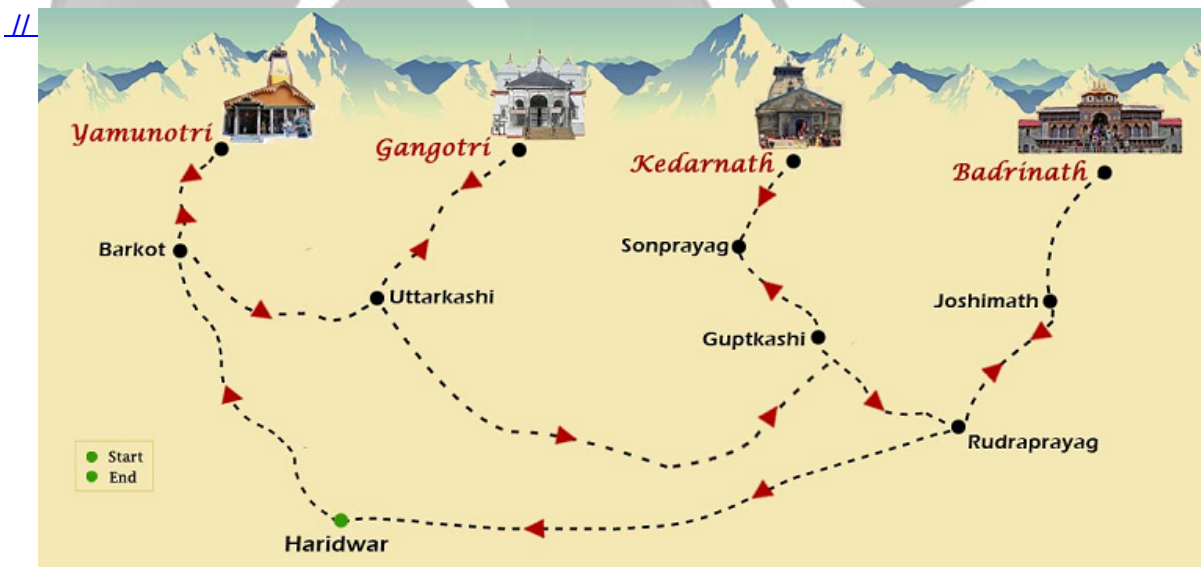
## Why in News?

On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the **Shri Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee** announced that the temple gates will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025.

## Key Points

- **Finalized Dates for Pilgrimage Sites:**
  - With the announcement of **Kedarnath temple**'s opening, the dates for all four sacred sites in the Garhwal Himalayas have been fixed.
  - **Badrinath Dham** will open on **4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.
  - **Gangotri and Yamunotri Dhams** will open on **30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, coinciding with **Akshaya Tritiya**.
  - These **four sites together form the Chota Char Dham**, an important Hindu pilgrimage circuit.
- **Decision on Kedarnath Temple Opening:**
  - Religious gurus and Vedpathis determined the auspicious hour and date for Kedarnath's opening on **Mahashivratri**.
  - The decision was made after offering prayers at **the Omkareshwar temple** in Ukhimath, the **winter abode of Baba Kedar**.

## Char Dham Yatra



- **Yamunotri Dham:**
  - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
  - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Yamuna.

- [River Yamuna](#) is the second-most sacred river in India after [River Ganga](#).
- **Gangotri Dham:**
  - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
  - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Ganga.
  - Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.
- **Kedarnath Dham:**
  - **Location:** Rudraprayag district.
  - **Dedicated to:** Lord Shiva.
  - Situated on the bank of the [Mandakini River](#).
  - One of the [12 Jyotirlingas](#) (divine representations of Lord Shiva) in India.
- **Badrinath Dham:**
  - **Location:** Chamoli district.
  - Home to the sacred Badrinarayan Temple.
  - **Dedicated to:** Lord Vishnu.
  - One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites

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